3rd March 1958]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

Ramanathapuram district.—Improvements to road from Ramanathapuram-Mandapam road (National Highways No. 49) to Uthirakosamangai, Sikkal, Sayalgudi to district limits (length 37½ miles) (exclusive of bridges and culverts). Estimated cost : Rs. 10,28,500.

Tirunelveli district.—Formation of road from Taravaikulam to Surangudi and on to district limits (including construction of culverts, soil stabilization, metalling, etc.) (excluding bridges). Estimated cost : Rs. 7 lakhs.

Coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin

* 34 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to form a coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin connecting Vembar, Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur and Sayalgudi villages?

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration) : A coastal road is being formed from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin under the Central Road Fund Programme but it does not connect Vembar, Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur with Sayalgudi. The coastal route will connect Taravaikulam, Veppalodai, Kalluvannai, Malamandai, Surangudi, Sevalpatti, Tarikudi, Sayalgudi, Sikkal and Utharakosamangai.

The formation of a road to connect Vembar (in Tirunelveli district) with Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur and Sayalgudi (in Ramanathapuram district) is proposed as a separate link to the above coastal road and the Government of India have been addressed for a grant. Their orders are awaited.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION UNDER RULE 41 (1) OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, NAMELY THE ACCIDENT OF A CHILD FALLING DOWN A MANHOLE IN MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, under rule 41 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., that a nasty accident occurred on December 30, 1957, at about 6 p.m., the scene of the accident being the sidewalk opposite to Wellington Talkies, Mount Road, Madras, when a child fell down a manhole which was left open without proper cover. On a checkup, it is seen that there are several open drainages and manholes in the sidewalks in the City of Madras without any cover. Enquiry reveals that these manholes are left exposed without lids. I myself, Sir, had a sad experience. Coming from the bungalow of the hon. lady Member, Mrs. Jothi Vencatachellum, after a party that she gave, I nearly